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Kaddafi's New Styx Antiship Missiles

Libyan leader Muammar Kaddafi may be acquiring the firepower to make good on his threat to turn the Gulf of Sidra into a gulf of blood the next time U.S. warships come near. U.S. intelligence has detected two double-barreled Soviet Styx antiship missile launchers in the Libyan town of Tobruk, near the Egyptian border. The Libyans have an improved version of the Styx, with a range of 50 to 60 miles. Kaddafi is also attempting to buy French Otomat antiship missiles that have a range of 100 miles. Libya still has not demonstrated the ability to link aircraft and coastal defenses into a coordinated network, but U.S. analysts point out that a Soviet command, control and communications ship has been anchored in the harbor at Tobruk for two months.

The Leaks That Caused a Crackdown

The Reagan administration's latest attempt to seal off leaks of classified information, unveiled last week, was inspired at least in part by news stories about administration plans to counter a possible Libyan attack on the Sudan last month. Those disclosures embarrassed Egypt and might have endangered the U.S. intelligence agent who warned of the Libyan plot. According to one source, administration officials decided against a criminal investigation of the leaks when they realized that senior White House officials could have been implicated. Instead, they drew up a presidential directive that threatens "adverse consequences" for the career of any federal employee with security clearance who refuses to submit to lie-detector tests during leak investigations.

FBI Aid for the Papal-Plot Investigation

The Federal Bureau of Investigation is actively assisting the Italian inquiry into the shooting of Pope John Paul II. At the request of Italian police officials, the FBI has been asking Americans who are known to have been in St. Peter's Square on the day of the attack to provide copies of photographs they may have taken. Italian investigators will examine the tourists' photos in attempting to identify any accomplices of convicted gunman Mehmet Ali Agca. Some snapshots have already been sent to Rome.

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